

**213 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-1980-2022
Date of Decision: 17.03.2022**

Navdeep Singh @ Navi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. P.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Thind, DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J.(ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.431, dated 27.08.2021 under Sections 379-B, 341, 411 and 34 of IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

Short affidavit of Superintendent, Central Jail, Patiala has been filed along with the medical report, which is taken on record.

A perusal of the medical report would show that the petitioner was advised MRI L-S spine and the petitioner is conscious, oriented to time, place and person and his vitals are stable. Therefore, learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed that he does not wish to press the prayer for interim bail and has prayed that the main case for grant of regular bail be taken up on merits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 28.08.2021 and the investigation of the case has already been completed and the challan has been presented and no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. He submitted that as per the FIR, two persons had snatched one purse from the complainant containing 700/800 rupees along with some cards. Thereafter, the same were recovered. He has submitted that it was after one day, on the basis of mere suspicion, the

petitioner was arrested on the next date, although, there was no incriminating material against the petitioner and therefore, the present case has been planted against the petitioner. He submitted that there is another FIR against the petitioner under Section 379 IPC and in that case, the petitioner is already on bail. He further submitted that the trial of the case would take long time and therefore, the petitioner may be considered for the grant of regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has submitted that it is correct that the petitioner is in custody since 28.08.2021 and the police after getting information arrested the petitioner after one day and there was a recovery of 400 rupees along with one motor-cycle, which was without the registration number. However, there was no FIR or any other case registered with regard to the stolen motor-cycle.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The allegations against the petitioner and the other co-accused, pertains to snatching of a purse containing 700/800 rupees along with some cards of the complainant. The investigation of the case has already been completed and the challan has been presented. No recovery is to be effected from the petitioner.

Since, the trial of the case may take a long time, therefore, considering the totality of facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court deems it fit and proper to grant bail to the petitioner. Consequently, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is released on bail on his furnishing adequate bail/ surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate, concerned.

It is made clear that the aforesaid observations would not mean anything on the merits of the case, as the same are only for the purpose of deciding the present petition.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

March 17, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No